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Via electronic filing

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Re:

STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 670X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Middlesex County, Massachusetts

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Dear Ms. Brown:

Reference is made to the letter, dated October 19, 2010 (and filed with the Board on November 2, 2010), from Martha White, Town Administrator, on behalf of The Town of Natick, Massachusetts (the "Town") requesting a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (the "Extension Request") with CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT") in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSXT hereby acknowledges and concurs with the Extension Request, as it has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the Town, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the Town.

Accordingly, CSXT concurs in the request for a 180-day extension of the NITU negotiating period (i.e., until May 2, 2011) to continue negotiations with the Town. CSXT also respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to July 1, 2011.

CSXT is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Lathyn & Canney
Kathryn R. Barney

cc: Martha White

¹ The most recent extension of the NITU negotiating period expired on November 3, 2010 and the current deadline for consummating the abandonment is January 2, 2011.